Newman
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WHAT'S YOUR PLAN FOR GETTING PAST THE GUARD?

THE WAY I LOOK AT IT, IF WE CAN REMOVE IT'S HEAD, WE CAN KILL IT.
THAT SEEMS REASONABLE.

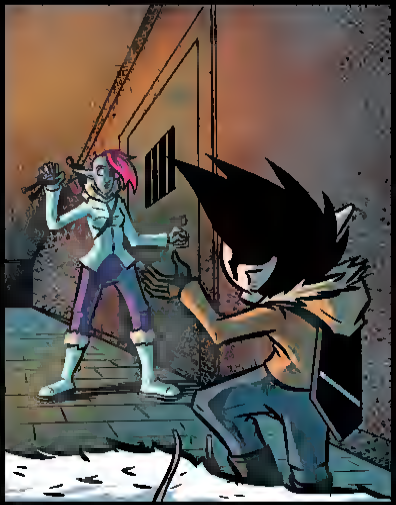
THEN HERE'S WHAT WE DO...

ZIP

CLING
CLACK!

SNARL!

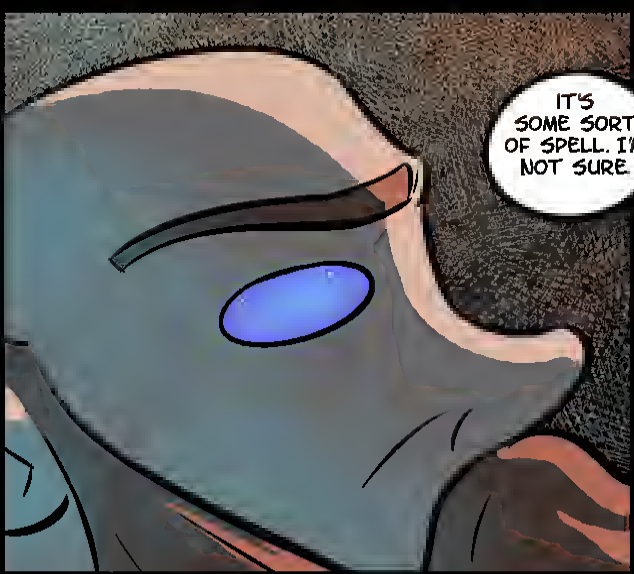
SLICE!



GRIFF?

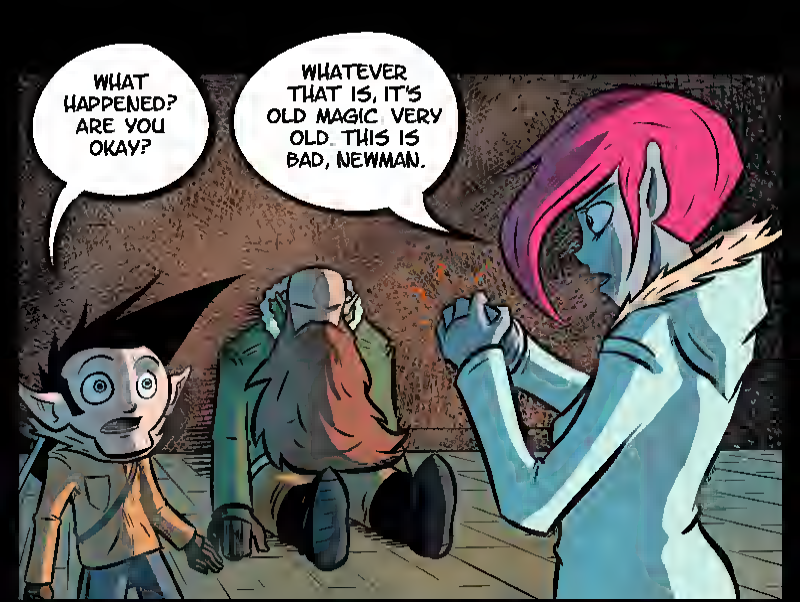
GRIFF, WAKE UP, WE'RE GETTING YOU--

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM!?


IT'S SOME SORT OF SPELL. I'M NOT SURE.

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO?
MAYBE...

AUGH!
ZOT!


WHAT HAPPENED? ARE YOU OKAY?
WHATEVER THAT IS, IT'S OLD MAGIC. VERY OLD. THIS IS BAD, NEWMAN.

WHAT DO WE DO?
SIGH

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MAKING A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL.

15 MINUTES LATER

POOF!

OH KATHRYN, GREAT AND POWERFUL, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF ALL DROW. THANK YOU FOR GRACING US WITH YOUR MAGNIFICENCE. WE ARE UNWORTHY OF YOUR AID.
PLEASE HELP US. YOU ARE THE ANSWER TO ALL LIFE'S TROUBLES.

THAT IS SO TRUE.

SERIOUSLY? YOU BROUGHT ME HERE TO HELP A DWARF? WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE SO--

WHAT DID THIS TO HIM?
WERE NOT SURE, PROBABLY THAT SQUID FACED THING.
SHOW ME.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?

AN ANCIENT RACE THAT SHOULDN'T EXIST ANYMORE.

SO WHAT'S THE ATTACK PLAN?
THE PLAN?
THE PLAN IS TO NUKE THIS PLACE FROM ORBIT WITH ENOUGH MAGIC TO TURN THIS ARCTIC CIRCLE INTO A DESERT.

ME
CAN'T DO THAT. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF CIVILIANS HERE.
IT'S AN UNFORTUNATE, BUT NECESARY LOSS

NO. THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY. YOU COULD HELP US!
IF THOSE THINGS ARE HERE, IT MEANS THEYRE HERALDING SOME SORT OF HORRIBLE, ANCIENT, COSMIC DEATH GOD.
AND I DON'T WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT!

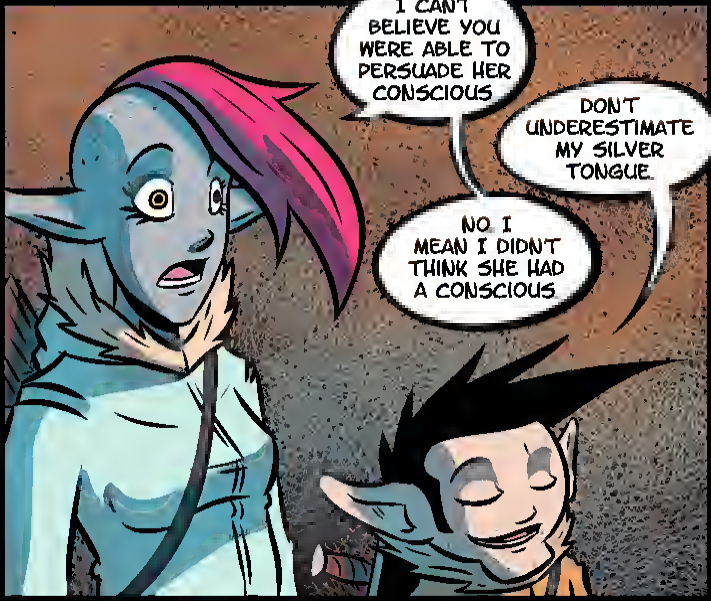
COME ON KATHRYN. WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO GET YOU TO HELP US.
LISTEN. THE TWO OF YOU COULDN'T KISS MY BOOTS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME STAY HERE. AND DON'T GET ME WRONG. I WOULD ENJOY THAT. WELCOME IT EVEN. WE CAN DO IT NEXT WEEK. I'LL PENCIL IT IN.

BUT I AM NOT GETTING MY BRAIN VAPORIZED IN THIS FROZEN HELL HOLE!

WHAT IF DARIAN WAS TRAPPED IN HERE? WOULD YOU STILL WANT TO JUST OBLITERATE THIS PLACE?

EVERYONE HERE IS SOMEBODIES LOVED ONE. CAN'T YOU SEE THAT? WE HAVE TO TRY!!

FINE! COME ON THEN!


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WERE ABLE TO PERSUADE HER CONSCIOUS
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE MY SILVER TONGUE.
NO. I MEAN I DIDN'T THINK SHE HAD A CONSCIOUS

IF WERE DOING THIS, WERE DOING IT MY WAY. NEWMAN, YOU'LL BE UP FRONT. GWEN, YOU TAKE THE HIGH GROUND AND I'LL CONTROL THE BATTLE FIELD. WAIT FOR MY SIGNAL TO ENGAGE.
I'M NOT CERTAIN WE CAN KILL THIS THING, BUT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BREAK IT'S CONTROL OVER IT'S VICTIMS, SO YOU CAN GET YOUR PRECIOUS DWARVES TO SAFETY.

WHAT ARE IT'S WEAK POINTS?
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT'S PHYSIOLOGY. JUST PICK SOMETHING THAT LOOKS IMPORTANT AND ATTACK IT.

SAME AS ALWAYS, GOT IT.

CAN'T BELIEVE I'M DOING THIS ON GOOD WILL. I SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST PUSHED FOR SOME GROVELING.
YOU'VE GOT DARIAN FOR THAT.

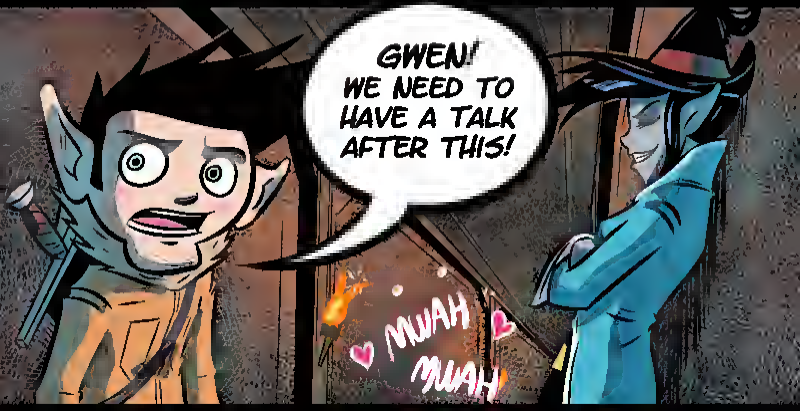
YEAH... I GUESS...
SNAP

POOF

STILL THOUGH... IS IT SO WRONG TO WANT TO BE WORSHIPED BY EVERYONE?
YES... OF COURSE NOT.
SMECK
SMECK

COME ON MAN..
KISS
KISS

DON'T JUDGE.
GWEN TELLS ME
EVERYTHING.


GWEN! WE NEED TO HAVE A TALK AFTER THIS!
MUAH
MUAH

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